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News Release

HPD Continues Investigating Assault

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The Harrisonburg Police Department continues to investigate an assault that took place in the 1000 block of Jefferson Street.

On Tuesday, July 26 just after midnight, police received a call that several people were fighting and shots had been fired.

As police arrived at the residence, there were signs that a fight had taken place but the victim and offenders had left the scene.

After speaking with witnesses and continuing to investigate the incident, the male victim was located.

The victim said he was assaulted by three unknown men who broke into his residence and took his money. As the victim fled from his residence, one offender also fired a gun several times. The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries from the physical assault.

This morning around 12:30, Ruben Daniers Argosto Payero, 23, of Harrisonburg was charged with robbery, assault and battery by mob, use or display of a firearm in commission of a felony, breaking and entering with the intent to commit an assault, grand larceny, and discharging firearm in or at an occupied dwelling.

The gun used during this incident has been recovered.

Investigators are still working to identify the other two male offenders involved in the incident. Additional charges are pending.

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A mugshot is not yet available but will be sent as soon as possible.

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